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Dear Mr. Ross:

Further to our telephone conversation, I would be grateful if you could review the attached draft affidavits with respect to if whether these would satisfy the issues raised in the refusal of our initial petition. I understand that this review would be strictly advisory, and non-binding on the PTO in any way. It would be of great assistance, however, since the fact that the declarants are located outside of the United States greatly complicates getting the statements put together and revised.

Yours very truly,

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Enclosure

**TODD HATHAWAY, ATTORNEY AT LAW****FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL SHEET**

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Attached letter and two affidavits for your review.

Thank you.

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